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AARTS	Audit Accountability and Resolution and Tracking System	EDPAS	Education Department Performance Appraisal System
ACSI	American Customer Satisfaction Index	EELIAS	Evaluation of Exchange, Language, International, and Area Studies
AEFLA	Adult Education and Family Literacy Act	ERDDI	Educational Research, Development, Dissemination and Improvement Act
AID	Aid for Institutional Development	ERIC	Education Resources Information Center
AP	Advanced Placement	ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act
APEB	Act to Promote the Education of the Blind	ESL	English as a Second Language
ATA	Assistive Technology Act	ESRA	Education Sciences Reform Act
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress	FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
C&A	Certification and Accreditation	FASAB	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
CBS	Common Services for Borrowers		
CDR	Cohort Default Rate	FBCO	Faith-Based and Community Organization
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance	FECA	Federal Employees Compensation Act
CHAFL	College Housing and Academic Facilities Loans	FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System
CHL	College Housing Loans	FFB	Federal Financial Bank
COD	Common Origination and Disbursement	FFEL	Federal Family Education Loan
C-PAL	Community Partnership for Adult Learning	FFMIA	Federal Financial Management Improvement Act
CPS	Central Processing System	FIE	Fund for the Improvement of Education
CRA	Civil Rights Act	FIPSE	Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education
CREO	Council for Reform and Educational Options	FISMA	Federal Information Security Management Act
CSB	Common Services for Borrowers		
CSRS	Civil Service Retirement Systems	FMFIA	Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act
DCIA	Debt Collection Improvement Act		
DCMS	Debt Collection Management Systems	FPPS	Federal Personnel and Payroll System
DM	Department Management	FSA	Office of Federal Student Aid
DEOA	Department of Education Organization Act	FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
		FY	Fiscal Year
DOEAA	Department of Education Appropriations Act	GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
EDA	Education of the Deaf Act	GAO	Government Accountability Office
EDCAPS	Education Department's Central Automated Processing System	GAPS	Grant Administration and Payment System
EDEN	Education Data Exchange Network	GED	General Educational Development

GEAR UP	Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs	MECEA	Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961
GEO	Greater Educational Opportunities	MIS	Management Information Systems
GISRA	Government Information Security Reform Act	MVHAA	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act	NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
GSA	General Services Administration	NCER	National Center for Educational Research
HBCUs	Historically Black Colleges and Universities	NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
HEA	Higher Education Act	NCLB	No Child Left Behind Act
HEFL	Higher Education Facilities Loans	NCVS	National Crime Victimization Survey
HEP	Higher Education Programs	NHES	National Household Education Survey
HKNCA	Helen Keller National Center Act	NIDDR	National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research
HOUSSE	High, Objective, Uniform State Standard of Evaluation	NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
HSIs	Hispanic-Serving Institutions	NLA	National Literacy Act
IB	International Baccalaureate	NSF	National Science Foundation
IC	Information Collection	NSLDS	National Student Loan Data System
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	OCFO	Office of the Chief Financial Officer
IES	Institute of Education Sciences	OCR	Office for Civil Rights
IG	Inspector General	ODS	Office of the Deputy Secretary
IHEs	Institutions of Higher Education	OE	Operational Efficiencies
IP	Improper Payments	OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System	OESE	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
IPIA	Improper Payments Information Act	OIG	Office of Inspector General
IPMS	Integrated Partner Management Solution	OII	Office of Innovation and Improvement
IRS	Internal Revenue Service	OM	Office of Management
ISIR	Institutional Student Information Record	OMB	Office of Management and Budget
IT	Information Technology	OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education
ITAM	IT Asset Management	OPM	Office of Personnel Management
IUS	Internal Use Software	OSDFS	Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools
LaRS	Lenders Reporting System	OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
LEA	Local Educational Agency	OSERS	Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Local-Flex	Local-Flexibility Demonstration Program	OUS	Office of the Under Secretary

OVAE	Office of Vocational and Adult Education	SRSA	Small, Rural School Achievement
PAR	Performance and Accountability Report	SSIM	Standard Student Identification Methodology
PART	Program Assessment Rating Tool	SSS	Student Support Services
PBDMI	Performance-Based Data Management Initiative	State-Flex	State-Flexibility Authority
Perkins III	Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act	STAR	**ST**udent **A**chievement in **R**eading
PL	Public Law	SY	School Year
Project SERV	School Emergency Response to Violence	TASSIE	Title I Accountability Systems and School Improvement Efforts
RA	Rehabilitation Act	TCUs	Tribal Colleges and Universities
REAP	Rural Education Achievement Program	TRIO	A group of grant programs under the HEA, originally three programs; not an acronym
RERC	Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center	USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
RM	Record Retention and Management	USC	United States Code
RSA	Rehabilitation Services Administration	VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	VTEA	Vocational and Technical Education Act
SBR	Statement of Budgetary Resources	WISCI	Walking Index for Spinal Cord Injury
SDLC	System Development Life Cycle	WO	Web Site Operations
SEA	State Educational Agency	WWC	What Works Clearinghouse
SFA	Student Financial Assistance	XML	Extensive Markup Language
SLM	Student Loan Model	YRBSS	Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System
SOF	Statement of Financing		

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